

# OFFICE OF ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

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State Energy Council  
Friday, January 25, 2008  
Meeting Minutes  
Kennedy Conference Room - Capitol Building  
Des Moines, Iowa

Attendees: Bob Mulqueen, Mollie Anderson, Floyd Barwig, Jim Larew, John Perkins, Lee Wilkinson, Tom Shepherd, Joan Conrad, Sharon Tahtinen, Jeff Geerts, Deborah Svec-Carstens, Mike Coveyou, Stuart Crine, Roya Stanley, Brian Crowe, Jennifer Wright, Jim Bodensteiner.

- **OEI - Governor's (Five-Part) Omnibus Energy Bill:**

1. Develop new Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), including;
  - ┆ Goals to be same as or similar to 25x'25;
  - ┆ Dates and percentages to be determined;
2. Establish criteria for expanding Renewable Fuels Infrastructure;
3. Develop Energy Efficiency Standard based on demand and population;
  - ┆ To be determined by IUB;
  - ┆ Recommended 1.5 percent savings per year;
  - ┆ Include all utilities;
  - ┆ Goal to be met by aggregate savings;
4. Establish short-term commission to develop;
  - ┆ Energy efficiency standards for old and new buildings;
  - ┆ Incentives for energy efficient construction;
  - ┆ Building codes that support energy efficiency construction;
5. Establish cost recovery process for the Iowa Energy Bank, allowing the program to collect fees for services provided.

***Comments/questions on proposed energy bill:***

- Let the governor set the mark for energy efficiency and renewable energy standards;
- Utilities, particularly municipals and RECs, will oppose new renewable energy and energy efficiency standards; and
- Given that the energy efficiency standard is to be met by aggregate savings, who do you put pressure on to ultimately meet the savings goal?

- **DAS - Government Oversight Committee budget hearing discussion items:**

- ┆ Numerous questions about energy as well as requests for more information on state energy use;
- ┆ Capitol complex annual utility bill is \$3.8 million, approximately \$2.00 per square foot;
- ┆ MidAmerican audit of state buildings rated three stars (nearly four) out of a possible five, which was reported to be significantly higher than average industry ratings;
- ┆ Interest in renewable energy and energy efficiency demonstration projects on the capitol campus, e.g., the Wallace Solar Wall; and

‡ Interest in sustainability and LEED certification of state buildings.

- **DED - Enterprise Zone Tax Credits:**

- ‡ Implementation of a two percent incremental increase (above 10 percent) for single family homes constructed to achieve a HERS rating of 80 or better;
- ‡ Implementation of a two percent incremental increase (above 10 percent) for single family homes constructed to achieve the Energy Star Target Finder rating; and
- ‡ Tax credits would go to builders building a minimum of four energy efficient single family homes within an enterprise zone.

- **DED - \$500,000 funding package for Green Streets Program:**

- ‡ \$250,000 for a targeted grant program to implement utility-recommended energy improvements to Iowa Main Street businesses;
- ‡ \$115,000 to assemble a green building experts panel;
- ‡ \$50,000 to pay for HERS rating verification;
- ‡ \$45,000 to develop and present a statewide sustainability conference; and
- ‡ \$40,000 to develop and present hands-on training workshops for green building.

- **Committee members reminded to provide monthly report to OEI by 03/05/08.**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

02/08/08, 9am to 10am, Kennedy Conference Room

02/22/08, 9am to 10am, Kennedy Conference Room